



## School Newsletter

30<sup>th</sup> September 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

RAPS has begun this academic year with a flying start. The first week for us is very much about setting-up routines and then year groups spend the week focusing on personal development. Our English, Maths and Topic curriculums are now in full swing and there is already some fantastic evidence of children's learning, both in their books and up on the walls in the classrooms. Hopefully you all managed to attend the parent information meetings over the past few weeks, but if you didn't, the class teacher would have posted the presentation on the class blog page, along with the learning for the Term. We have parents' meetings week beginning 17<sup>th</sup> October, so look out for the links for booking face-to-face meetings on MCAS soon.

Pupil voice and joint participation of the running RAPS is key to a happy and successful school. Our Junior Leadership Team have now been elected and through talking to these children, they are clearly proud of their new positions and role within our school. Also, over the next couple of weeks, the children will be giving speeches and will subsequently vote for our Year 6 Young Leaders, who will represent the school at various different events. Sports Buddy and Playground Mentor applications should be now in and prospective candidates will be interviewed over the coming weeks. Reading Ambassadors and our Eco Warriors will also be elected and announced soon.

The RAPS Parent Council are also incredibly important. In the past few years, they have raised money for numerous different projects for the school: the Reception garden; the playground planters and activity trail, as well as our small farm and growing area on the field. I know they will be keen to get going again, with coffee mornings and fund-raising activities, so be sure to keep an eye on our FaceBook pages and MCAS notifications for any future Parent Council meetings and activities as they are always keen to recruit more members. This year the school is keen to get a Yurt on the field to provide both an additional space for drama, outdoor learning and quite space for lunchtimes. If there are any carpenters or electricians out there who could help make a wooden base for it, that would be greatly appreciated! Please get in touch.

Reflecting our busy start to the year, our Year 5 and 6 children went on a Ramsgate litter-pick with the Mayor of Ramsgate and our KS2 children have had an opportunity to have workshops with the Assistant director of 'The Ultimate Pickle', which they saw today in the Roundabout mobile theatre, currently at Newington Green this week. Year 1 parents have already been in to school for their 'Art to Start' and Mr Brown and Mrs Smith have revived our Termly Art competition (details found below) which I really can't wait to see around our school.

## Dates for your diary

**Every Monday –**  
**2.40-3.00** - Year 1  
Parent Reading

**Every Thursday**  
**2.40-3.00** - Year 2  
Parent Reading

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup>**  
**October** -12.30-1.00-  
Parent Reading for  
KS2- (see class  
blogs for more  
details)

**7<sup>th</sup> October –**  
School choir starts

**14<sup>th</sup> October –**  
Thanet Tree plant  
and Diversity Day

**Week beginning**  
**17<sup>th</sup> October –**  
Parent/teacher  
meetings

**19<sup>th</sup> October –Yr 4**  
The Bookshow  
Jessica Souhami

**21<sup>st</sup> October –Last**  
day of Term 1

**31<sup>st</sup> October-INSET**  
**Day**

**1<sup>st</sup> November –**  
Children back to  
school

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Exciting projects again are planned, such as the Big Draw and again the Take One Picture Project at the National Gallery. Workshops with the Afro Bhangra fusion group, Eco projects with Thanet's Tree planting Team, collaborations with Porchlight the homeless charity, 'The Bookshow' with author Jessica Souhami and a new education program 'Banned' run by Sabina Desir and the Turner Contemporary are all events to look forward to.

Regency Performing Arts and our Arts Team carry on enhancing the Arts curriculum, and we continue to offer a variety of music lessons at RAPS at a reduced cost, as well as working with Rock Steady (who now have Ten bands!). We are hoping to get a Key Stage 1 Drama Club up and running again too.

As you can tell, we already have a lot planned. As always, we will endeavour to keep you posted about everything that is happening in school through our newsletters, class blogs, website, texts, emails and the MCAS app.

Enjoy the rest of the term ahead!

Mr Budge



# COME TO ROUNDABOUT

A four day celebration of world class theatre, music, dance, cabaret and family fun- all in Paines Plough's pop up theatre **ROUNDABOUT**

**29 September - 2 October 2022**  
**Newington - Ramsgate**

**Paines Plough**

Paines Plough and Rose Theatre present, in partnership with Newington Big Local and Creative Newington. Supported by Creative Civic Change.

# ROUNDABOUT

The best new shows direct from the Edinburgh Fringe Festival alongside a diverse programme of locally produced work, activities, fun and food - all presented in a magnificent touring theatre in the round

Thurs 29 Sept				
19:00	Half-Empty Classes	Theatre	70 mins	Ages 12+
Friday 30 Sept				
Free BBQ for ticket holders from 15.30!				
16:40	Mama G's Storytime Roadshow	Family	70 mins	Ages 5+
20:00	Screaming Alley	Cabaret	2 hours	Ages 18+
Saturday 1 Oct				
10:00	Creative Workshop	Family	60 mins	Ages 3+
11:15	The Ultimate Pickle	Family	60 mins	Ages 5+
14:00	Beverly Balls Big Bingo Bonanza	Fun	60 mins	ALL
16:00	Afro-Bhangra Fusion Group	Dance	60 mins	ALL
18:30	Nouveau Riche present CASTE-ING	Theatre	60 mins	Ages 12+
20:30	Lunatraktors	Music	2 hours	Ages 16+
Sunday 2 Oct				
11:00	Inspiration Creative - The Family Feud	Family	60 mins	ALL
13:30	Shakespeare's Royal Company	Family	75 mins	Ages 5+
17:00	Chill Club Cabaret: Be Bold Be True	Cabaret	60 mins	Ages 11+
18:30	The Showman's Odyssey - work in progress	Theatre	60 mins	Ages 11+
20:00	A Sudden Violent Burst of Rain	Theatre	70 mins	Ages 12+

**Tickets £10. Concessions £5, discounts for Newington residents (in person only)**  
**Some events are just £1 or even FREE - check online**  
**Full details:** <https://www.facebook.com/Newingtonroundabout/>  
**Book online:** <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/nbl>  
**Tickets also available on the door.**

Roundabout will be located next to the Newington Community Centre, Princess Margaret Avenue, Newington, Ramsgate, CT12 6HX  
Just look for the big yellow tent!



**Paines Plough** **ARTS COUNCIL ENGLAND** **Creative Civic Change** **Starlings** **NEWINGTON** **THEATRE** **GATE**

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## RAPS Termly Art Competition

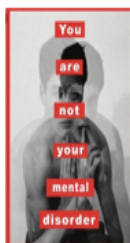


### Term 1 Art Competition

An enormous welcome to the first art competition of the new school year! We hope you enjoyed our assembly about the mysterious street artist Banksy, and fabulous graphic artist Barbara Kruger.

We would like you to create a piece of art inspired by either artist's work and techniques. The key thing is to remember to include a strong message about a theme of your choice. Here are some ideas to get you started:

- Environmental issues/ Reduce Reuse, Recycle
- Issues around equality
- War/Conflict
- Identity and body image
- Mental Health/Wellbeing
- Animals/ Animal Welfare
- Democracy



**Top prizes for keystone winners!**

#### Top Tips

Once you have chosen your message, use techniques such as stencils, photography, printing and collage to create your design.

Artwork should be A4 size or bigger, otherwise we will not be able to read your message!

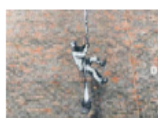
Use a computer, and a bold font to write the text as this will have maximum visual impact.

Use appropriate pictures or photographs to illustrate the message.

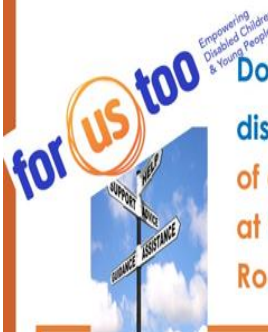
Remember to mark all entries clearly on the back with your full name & class. All your marvellous, imaginative creations should be handed to Mr Brown or Mrs Smith by Wednesday 19th October 2022.

Get creating!

Mr Brown and Mrs Smith



## Community News



Do you have a child with a disability? Come along to one of our Autumn coffee mornings at Green Banks, Westfield Road, Margate, CT9 5PA

10- 12 noon

Thursday 15th September / Thursday 13th October / Thursday 17th November / Thursday 15th December

#### What are the drop-in coffee mornings?

- Informal sessions - 'drop in' during our advertised session time
- An opportunity to chat with our Family Support Officers
- An opportunity to chat with other families affected by disabilities.

Please email [support@forustoo.org](mailto:support@forustoo.org) or [familysupport@forustoo.org](mailto:familysupport@forustoo.org) to book your place

Charity Registration Number: 1139704

Company Number: 7337217

## An important message

One thing that I love about RAPS is that as a school, we are very open to our parent community, literally, as at the beginning and end of the school day our parents have been more than welcome in the school building. As RAPS has grown in numbers, the footfall at the beginning and end of the day has certainly increased, and it is becoming more and more difficult to monitor who is in the building and if everyone has left.

With this in mind, we have had to review our morning routines, and for our KS2 community as of the **1st November the children will enter the school building alone** and will not be accompanied upstairs by parents. Between 8.15 and 8.30, staff will be allocated at each door so that messages can be passed onto the class teachers if needed.

Thank you for understanding in advance.

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